

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1- There's a Box at the back of the Church intended as "Mass offering box for the Deceased". Prayers will be offered on "All Souls Day"-Nov.2nd, 2018.
- 2- Starting November 2018, the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated outside of the Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 2:00pm.
- 3- Join us every Thursday for a **10 week multi-parish small-group retreat** that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, Consoling the Heart of Jesus.
Duration: 7:00pm - 8:30pm Venue: St. Paul Hall Please contact the following to sign up; *Aaron Besson*: 780 880 4440
Maria E Hernandez: 780 880 8496
- 4- **Youth Ministry Events:**
Girls' Group starts today, October 28, from 12:30-2:30 in the St. John's Parish Office. Come in your halloween costume and enjoy an afternoon of sisterhood, faith and snacks!

Young Adults will be held after the 7:00pm mass in the St. John's Parish Office. Young adults are invited to come out for an evening of fellowship.

Youth Group will meet on November 2 from 7-9 in the St. John's Parish hall. Bring a friend for some faith, fun and food.
- 5- **RCIA- Every Wednesday** at 7pm at St. Paul's Church.
- 6- **We will resume the "Recycled Bottle drive"** for the **Church Altar Flowers**: We are requesting your generous hearts to donate your empty bottles and cans. Thank you.
- 7- **We need more volunteers** for the **various ministries** in the Church. We would like to request everyone, those existing volunteers and new volunteers to sign-up.
Sign-up will allow us to:
 1. Have your latest contact info
 2. Ensure you get any updates / changes regarding this ministry
 3. Follow-up if you have not already signed the Safe Parish Form
 4. Scheduling purposes
 We greatly appreciate your generosity and we pray that you will continue to serve our parish.
- 8- **Tagalog Mass** will be celebrated today, October 28th at 6:00 PM.
- 9- **Traditional Latin Mass** will be celebrated today, October 28th, 6:00 PM St. John's Parish.

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October 28, 2018 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Monday-Thursday

Rosary & Mass 8:40 am

Friday Adoration after Mass at 7:00pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

The *Sacrament of Confession* is available
30 minutes before the start of each Mass.

Parish Staff

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BAPTISM

Baptism preparation on every third Tuesday of the month. Next one will be held on **November 20th** at 7 pm at **St. Paul Church**. and The **Sacrament of Baptism** will be celebrated **outside of the Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 2:00pm starting November/18.**



COLLECTIONS

(Weekly—October 21, 2018)

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| Loose Bills & Coins : | \$ 1,076.00 |
| Envelopes: | 2,666.00 |
| PAP | 2,408.25 |
| World Mission Sunday | 1,294.40 |
| Missions-Fort Chipweyan | 491.60 |
| Total | \$7,936.25 |



THANK YOU!

Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner



Pasta dinner paying tribute to Veterans
Friday November 16th at 6pm
St. Paul's Hall

Come join the Knights of Columbus as we honour our Veterans in the month of November. We will also be celebrating the arrival of our new parish priest Father Francis Kai Phan

- \$15 per person or \$25 per couple
- For more information call:
- 780-715-5844 or 780-714-0864

St. Paul Catholic Parish-
Fort McMurray

12 Hours Adoration on Fridays

From 9. a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Let us unite in this Eucharistic Devotion taking 12 hours of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament:

- For rendering God adoration which is His due as our Creator
- For making reparation for our sins and the sins of mankind
- For petitioning the good God for the constant help we need.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth" (*Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*)

Adorers needed : two persons at least for each time slot.
Please See sign up on the sign up sheet in the hall way / Parish Bulletin Board for time schedules for each Friday.

Or contact : Syriac & Celin—780-370-2883

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B - Master, I want to see - October 28, 2018.

by: *Deacon Raymond Chan*

In this Sunday's Gospel (Mk. 10:46-52), St Mark tells the story of blind Bartimaeus' non-stop yelling for Jesus to heal him until Jesus finally calls for him. I wondered why doesn't Jesus go over to Bartimaeus who's trying to find his way to him? And when Bartimaeus finds his way to him, why does Jesus ask the obvious: "**What do you want me to do for you?**" Being Christ, he should know what Bartimaeus wants. And when Jesus restores his eyesight, Jesus says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. But why? What does Bartimaeus's receiving his sight have to do with his being saved? Now, Bartimaeus does not ask, "I want my sight." He says, "**I want to see.**" Having sight can be used for all kinds of purpose—raising sheep, making money. But wanting to see is wanting to connect with reality hidden from a person when he is blind. Once we see what Bartimaeus asks for, the whole story makes more sense. Bartimaeus found what he wants: I want to *see*. **I want to see the presence of the Lord.** Seeing isn't limited to seeing images of the world, the blue of the sky or the road to home. It is also a matter of seeing the truth about things, or even of seeing The Truth himself. Bartimaeus sees not only the world around him but also his Lord. And in seeing Jesus, Bartimaeus accepts the Giver together with the gift of sight. Bartimaeus stays with Jesus and follows him. And that's why Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him.

In today's world, there are so many ways in which we lack spiritual vision. The world convinces us that God is too grand for us, that we are too insignificant. But no one is insignificant to God. Jesus sees each of us and loves each of us. "**Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.**" (Matthew 10:29-31). We all suffer some kind of blindness to the truth of God's way and life. We need God's healing and help to see the true way, to see the beauty of every human life from conception to natural death. We need to see justice being done to the lowliest of low in all corners of the world. We need light to see and help the poorest of the poor.

Our lives are full of mysteries: darkness and sufferings. Remember Jesus once said (Mark 8:18), "**Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember?**". We sometimes blindly follow roads leading to pride, jealousy, prestige, hatred, lust, ... that prevent us from seeing the goodness in our neighbours. But to become aware of it and to have the scales removed from our eyes, we must pray and trust in Jesus, like Bartimaeus, to give us light so as to dispel the darkness and restore our true spiritual vision. Our futures are never clear but if we draw closer to Jesus, it will become brighter. Jesus passes by and sees all. He reaches out to us. He calls, "**What do you want me to do for you?**" We want **The truth, the way, the light.** Our eternal Father appointed his son Jesus to care for his people. Jesus pleads with his Father every day for every one of us. We are significant because Jesus knows us and loves us and brings our needs to his Father. He is our eternal priest forever, like Melchizedek. We have nothing to fear, ever.

This Sunday's first reading (Jeremiah 31:7-9) proclaims: "**Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD loves his people.**" We have been blessed. We must join Bartimaeus in following the Lord on a new path of greatness, a path of sacrificial love, a path that leads to a New World that is the Kingdom of God. Let us proclaim his love to the world. He has mercy on us. He has given us the gift of sight, the gift of seeing his love in our lives. If Jesus asks us, "What do you want," how would we answer? Is the faith that saves us hiding deep inside? Are we calling for help? Such a call could be fulfilled this day if we let it. "**Master, I want to see.**"